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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A game machine circuit board case inspection method for inspecting a circuit board case storing a control circuit board having a predetermined electronic part mounted thereon, the game machine circuit board case inspection method comprising:

sealing said circuit board case to said control circuit board by sealing a sealing device to form a sealed assembly sealing the predetermined electronic part on said control circuit board;

conveying said sealed assembly using a conveyor line;

a seal confirming step for confirming whether or not said circuit board case has been sealed, by the sealing device, using an imaging device to effect imaging of the sealing device sealing said circuit board case to the control circuit board, said seal confirming step being executed upon the sealed assembly while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line;

an information reading step for reading intrinsic identification information on said predetermined electronic part sealed by said circuit board case and for

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reading circuit board identification information disposed on said sealed assembly after said seal confirming step confirms that said circuit board case has been sealed and while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line; and

developing a management database by storing said intrinsic identification information in association with said circuit board identification information.

2. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method for inspecting a game board or game machine provided with a circuit board case for storing a control circuit board having a predetermined electronic part mounted thereon, the game board or game machine inspection method comprising:

sealing said circuit board case to said control circuit board by sealing a sealing device to form a sealed assembly sealing the predetermined electronic part on said control circuit board;

conveying said sealed assembly using a conveyor line;

a seal confirming step for confirming whether or not said circuit board case has been sealed, by said sealing device, using an imaging device to effect imaging of the sealing device sealing said circuit board case to the control circuit board, said seal confirming step being executed upon the sealed assembly while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line;

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an information reading step for reading the intrinsic identification information on said predetermined electronic part sealed in said circuit board case and for reading circuit board identification information disposed on said sealed assembly after said seal confirming step confirms that said circuit board case has been sealed and while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line; and

developing a management database by storing said intrinsic identification information in association with said circuit board identification information.

3. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said seal confirming step includes said imaging imaging a sealing state of said sealing device, and a seal deciding step for analyzing image data obtained in said imaging step to decide whether or not said sealing device is sealed.

4. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, wherein said information reading step includes said imaging imaging the intrinsic identification information on said predetermined electronic part, a data converting step for analyzing image data obtained in said imaging step to convert the image data into character data, and a storing step for

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storing said character data converted in said data converting step in a storing section containing said management database.

5. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth claim 2 or 3, further comprising a removing step between said seal confirming step and said information reading step, said removing step comprising removing said game board or game machine in which said sealing said sealing device is determined to be not sealing said circuit board case by said confirming step.

6. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth claim 2 or 3, further comprising a certificate stamp affixing step between said seal confirming step and said information reading step, said certificate stamp affixing step comprising affixing a management certificate stamp having the circuit board identification information written thereon to said circuit board case.

7. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said information reading step includes said imaging the intrinsic identification information on said predetermined electronic

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part and said circuit board identification information written on the management certificate stamp on said circuit board case, a data converting step for analyzing image data obtained in the imaging and converting the image data into character data, and a storing step for storing said character data produced in said data converting step in a storing section containing said management database.

8. (Currently Amended) A game machine circuit board case inspection method for inspecting a circuit board case storing a control circuit board having a predetermined electronic part mounted thereon, the game machine circuit board case inspection method comprising:

sealing said circuit board case to said control circuit board by sealing a sealing device to form a sealed assembly sealing the predetermined electronic part on said control circuit board;

conveying said sealed assembly using a conveyor line;

a seal confirming step for confirming whether or not said circuit board case has been sealed, by the sealing device, using an imaging device to effect imaging of the sealing device sealing said circuit board case to the control circuit board, said seal confirming step being executed upon the sealed assembly while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line;

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an information reading step for reading intrinsic identification information on said predetermined electronic part sealed by said circuit board case and for reading circuit board identification information disposed on said sealed assembly after said seal confirming step confirms that said circuit board case has been sealed and while said sealed assembly is on said conveyor line; and

a removing step between said seal confirming step and said information reading step, said removing step comprising removing said game board or game machine in which said sealing said sealing device is determined to be not sealing said circuit board case by said confirming step.

9. (Previously Presented) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said seal confirming step includes said imaging imaging a sealing state of said sealing device, and a seal deciding step for analyzing image data obtained in said imaging step to decide whether or not said sealing device is sealed.